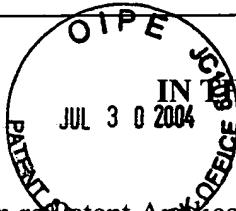


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 3, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 3, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.